

employment of more than 40 district county judges by the Governor. It did give the people the opportunity to cast their vote on the original selection. Now I rise in support of LB785 and I do so for this reason. That at the present time in the event of a vacancy the governor of the state of Nebraska must make an appointment without benefit of advice or council and this makes the Governor or puts the Governor in a position of making a direct political appointment. Now if we adopt this bill and then the judicial commission makes the recommendation to the governor and the governor is limited in his appointment to those people who have been nominated by the judicial commission. Therefore I think that we have upgraded the process of selection. While I hope that it does not seem inconsistent when I put the amendment on that required election, I now come back and support this bill because I think that it does upgrade the selection process and provides for a good system of selection in preference to a political selection. I urge the adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, dealing with the judicial system is a very difficult thing to do because it is a situation where one man casts the judgment which is supposed to be just for the purpose of resolving difficulties between two or more parties. The method of selection is not what determines whether a judge is good or not. These determinations come from the individual's temperament, his education, his quickness and keenness of mind. His ability to distinguish what is significant and what is not. If you review the judge the judiciary whether it is at the municipal court level, the district court level or the county court level or the supreme court level, you find some people that ought not be sitting in these positions like with teacher, legislators or any other group of people. Everybody is imperfect. You have to try and build as safe a system as you can to accomplish the purposes which we envision. The purpose of the judiciary is to dispense justice. I think that it is possible for a politician to become a good judge with proper training, and, decontamination. But when you convert a judge into a politician, then I think that you have done a very, very bad thing. When an individual's tenure depends upon how well he has satisfied a community, if you have a community the judge must be the ultra ego of that community. He is not above the bigamy or whatever special interest groups control elections so the merit plan is not an ideal method of handling the judiciary. I don't know of an ideal method of selecting judges. I don't know of an ideal way to determine before hand a what kind of judge an individual will make

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as has often been pointed out a certain individual who sits on the U.S. Supreme Court now was a member of the Klu-Klux Klan, but now is considered one of the most liberal judges who sits on the Supreme Court. So sometimes such a position makes a man or woman better than what he or she was before he or she got that Chair. On this particular bill all it would do is to make uniform the procedures related to judges and retention and selection. I think that some people ought to consider the possibility that when these men come up for approval of the people